

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant:

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Group: 1646

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Examiner: Eileen B. O'Hara, Ph.D.

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For: NOVEL GENES ENCODING PROTEINS HAVING PROGNOSTIC, DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, THERAPEUTIC AND OTHER USES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 for three months from August 20, 2003 to November 20, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of filing a Reply to the Office Action, a continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith.

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1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
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Respectfully submitted,

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